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ATHENS FOR RTDO FROM RUAN

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SUBJ: APRIL 78 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION MISSION

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1. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUBJECT MISSION 15-18
APRIL VISIT HERE COMPLETED DURING RUAN'S 11-14 MARCH
JIDDA STOPOVER.EXCELLENCE OF POST PREPARATION BY
COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR EBLAN AND STAFF ASSURES PRODUCTIVE
MISSION VISIT. NOTE BELOW PARA 3 C REVISION OF JIDDA
DEPARTURE, AND ADVISE AMERICAN EXPRESS (AMEX) ACCORD-
INGLY.

2. MISSION VISIT DETAILS AS FOLLOWS:

A. CONTROL OFFICER: JOSEPH O. EBLAN, BACK UP LARON
JENSEN. OFFICE PHOBE: 51553 OR 56897, HOME PHONE 54275.
B.HOTEL KANDARA PALACE, AIRPORT ROAD, POST OFFICE
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BOX 573, JIDDA, PHONE 25755 OR 23155 OR 25700, TELEX 40095
KANDARA PALACE SJ. AMEX AND DINERS CLUB CREDIT CARDS
HONORED, THOUGH EMBASSY WILL CASH AMEX TRAVELERS CHECKS.
HOTEL MANAGER MOUSTAPHA CONFIRMS RESERVATION OF TWELVE
SINGLES AND ONE SUITE. ON 13 MARCH MOUSTAPHA TOLD RUAN
THESE CONFIRMED BOOKING BASED ON BOT EMBASSY AND AMEX
REQUESTS FOR SAME. HIS OFFHAND MANNER, HOWEVER, PLUS

FACT THAT ONLY THREE DAYS EARLIER HOTEL HAD TOLD EMBASSY THAT NO REQUEST HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM AMEX MAKES RUAN DOUBTFUL THAT AMEX WILL GET CREDIT FOR BOOKINGS. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY HAS HOTEL'S ENDORSEMENT ON EMBASSY LETTER REQUESTING BOOKINGS. WITHAL, RUAN WOULD NEVER RECOMMEND KANDARA PALACE, BUT AGREED TO THESE BOOKINGS ON BASIS OF MOUSTAPHA'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AMEX REQUEST. AMEX MAY WISH TO CITE FOREGOING INFO IN FOLLOW-UP TELEX TO MOUSTAPHA, OR MAY WISH TO SEEK BOODKING AT NEW, UP-TO-DATE JIDDA KAKI HOTEL (220 ROOMS TELEX 40233 SJ), ALTHOUGH KAKI IS ORDINARILY FULL. MOUSTAPHA SAID HE WILL ASSIGN MISSION ROOMS IN KANDARA NEW WING, IF AVAILABLE. NEW WING RATES: SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$81, DOUBLE \$108, SUITE \$242. OLD WING RATES: SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$75, DOUBLE \$90, SUITE \$150. ALL RATES INCLUDE 15 PERCENT TAX. NOTE THAT IN VIEW OF FACT THAT MISSION ARRIVES HERE ON NIGHT OF 15 APRIL, ATTENDS RECEPTION ON NIGHT OF 16 APRIL, AND DEPARTS FOR RIYADH NIGHT OF 17 APRIL (SEE PARA 3C BELOW), POST MAY OPT TO CHANGE RUAN'S SUITE TO SINGLE ROOM. RUAN CONCURS.

C. TRANSPORTATION: POST VEHICLES WILL MOVE MISSION TO AND FROM AIRPORT AND MISSION RECEPTION. POST WILL HIRE THREE CARS WITH DRIVERS FROM LOCAL RENTAL AGENCY FOR MISSION'S TWO FULL DAYS HERE. CITY TAXIS ALSO AVAILABLE AT NEGOTIABLE RATES.

D. BUSINESS INFORMATION CENTER. POST COMMERCIAL CENTER
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SHALL SERVE THEREAS. HOLF DOZEN MEETING ROOMS AVAILABLE, INCLUDING LARGE DOWNSTAIRS AREA. LARGE KANDARA LOBBY ALSO AVAILABLE FOR LATE OFF-HOURS MEETING.

POST WILL PROVIDE REFRESHMENTS AND SECRETARIAL SERVICE AT COMMERCIAL CENTER ON OVERTIME BASIS IF NEEDED.

E. PRINTING: PRODUCT LITERATURE HAS ARRIVED FOR ALL MISSION FIRMS EXCEPT IMC. BROCHURES ARRIVED BOTH VIA DHL COURIER SERVICE AND RUAN. POST WILL PRINT AND DISTRIBUTE 200 RECEPTION INVITATIONS.

F. RECEPTION: CONTROL OFFICER EBLAN WILL HOST MISSION RECEPTION AT HIS HOME 16 APRIL 7-9:00 P.M. AMBASSADOR AND DCM EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

G. PUBLICITY: ON 13 MARCH RUAN INTERVIEWED BY ARAB NEWS/ SAUDI BUSINESS/MCGRAW-HILL REPORTED TOM MARINELLI, WHO WILL WRITE ADVANCE ARTICLE ON MISSION VISIT. USIS WILL ISSUE PRESS RELEASE.

PHOTOGRAPHY: COMOFF WILL TAKE PICTURES AT RECEPTION AND BIC.

H. BUDGET ESTIMATE:

DIRECTOR'S SUITE (MAXIMUM) \$ 485

TRANSPORTATION 510

HOSPITALITY

RECEPTION 500
HOSPITALITY AT CENTER
AND HOTEL 200
TOTAL (MAXIMUM) \$ 1695

3. MISSION SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ARRIVAL: EBLAN AND POST VEHICLES WILL MEET AMEX-
ARRANGED MISSION FLIGHT TU 713 AT 2120 ON 15 APRIL INBOUND
FROM TUNIS VIA CAIRO AT JIDDA AIRPORT. HOTEL CHECK-IN
WILL FOLLOW.

B. 16 APRIL: AT 0800, HIRED VEHICLES WILL TRANSPORT
MISSION TO POST COMMERCIAL CENTER OR EMBASSY CONFERENCE
ROOM WHERE EBLAN WILL PRESENT POST BRIEFING, AFTER GREETING
BY AMBASSADOR OR DCM. INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS
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WILL FOLLOW UNTIL 1800.
POST CONFIDENT OF FULL SLATE OF APPOINTMENTS FOR ALL
MISSION MEMBERS.

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C. 17 APRIL: 0800: HOTEL CHECKOUT. FROM 0900 TO 1800, INDIVIDUAL MISSION MEMBER APPOINTMENTS AT COMMERCIAL CNETER AND LOCAL FIRMS' OFFICES, FOLLOWED BY MISSION WRAPUP SESSION. AT 1930, POST VEHICLES WILL MOVE MISSION TO JIDDA AIRPORT FOR 2045 DEPARTURE TO RIYADH ON SV 106, ETA RIYADH 2205, REVISED DEPARTURE WILL PERMIT MISSION TWO FULL DAYS OF WORK 18 AND 19 APRIL IN RIYADH, AT POST'S REQUEST. EMBASSY HAS MADE FLIGHT RESERVATIONS AND USLO HAS CHANGED HOTEL ATALLAH RESERVATIONS ACCORDINGLY. NOTE: AMEX NEVER INVOLVED IN RIYADH HOTEL RESERVATIONS. PLEASE ADVISE AMEX TO PROCEED THROUGH ITS OWN CHANNELS TO CHANGE ORIGINAL 18 APRIL FLIGHT BOOKINGS TO ABOVE 17 APRIL FLIGHT AND ADVISE EMBASSY WHEN THIS ACCOMPLISHED SO THAT EMBASSY CAN CANCEL THE 17 APRIL BOOKINGS IT HAS MADE, THUS ASSURING AMEX CREDIT FOR BOOKINGS. ALSO INSTRUCT AMEX TO CHANGE 20 APRIL BOOKINGS FROM ORIGINAL SV 932 FLIGHT TO SV 738 (LV RIYADH 1600, AR DHAHRAN 1650) WHICH WILL PERMIT MISSION ANOTHER HALF DAY ON 20TH FOR POSSIBLE RIYADH APPOINTMENTS. PLEASE NOTIFY EMBASSY
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WHEN THIS CHANGE ACCOMPLISHED ALSO. EMBASSY TELEX IS 40459 AMEMB SJ. NOTE BOTH 17 AND 20 APRIL BOOKINGS ARE FOR FIRST CLASS FARES. FOR USDOC/SOUCY: PLEASE REVISE RUAN FLIGHT RESERVATIONS ACCORDINGLY.

4. PLEASE ADVISE AMEX/HOOPES THAT EMBASSY RECORDS SINCE OCTOBER 76 SHOW THAT ACE (ARAB COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES) TRAVEL COMPANY IS LOCAL AMEX AGENT. ACE IS SUBSIDIARY OF DHAHRAN-BASED GENERAL CONTRACTING COMPANY, PROMINENT SAUDI FIRM. ACE ADDRESS DATA. POST OFFICE BOX 6152, PRINCE ABDULLAH FAISAL BUILDING, KING ABDULAZIZ STREET, JIDDA, PHONE 31151 OR 23731, TELEX 40172 COMMENT SJ, PER HOOPES INSTRUCTION, RUAN HAS NOT REPEAT NOT CONTACTED ACE OR OTHER ARAB SOURCES. AMEX MAY WISH TO PROCEED THROUGH ACE TO CONFIRM OR REVISE JIDDA HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR MISSION MEMBERS.

5. RUAN DEPARTED JIDDA 14 MARCH 0825 SV 100, ARRIVING RIYADH 0945.

6. IMC BROCHURES NOT YET RECEIVED, PLEASE POUCH AND PROVIDE DESCRIPTION (BY CABLE) OF SPECIFIC PRODUCTS BEING PROMOTED BY FIRM.
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